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In re the application of

Aita et al.

For: **SELF-REPAIRING CERAMIC
COATING**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 2 and 11.

Please amend claims 1, 3-4, 7, 8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30

and 33 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An intracorporeal device having a protective self-repairing coating on a surface thereof, comprising:

a. an inner coating component having at least one bilayer formed of different ceramic materials on the surface of the device; and